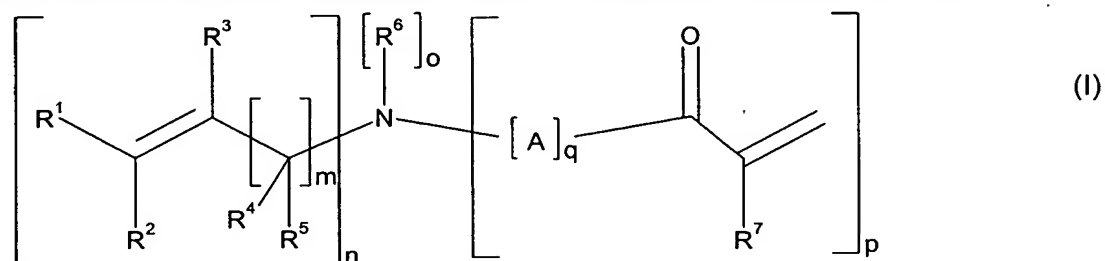


We claim:

1. (Meth)acrylic esters of unsaturated amino alcohols of the general formula I



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where

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are each independently hydrogen or C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

10 R^6 is C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

R^7 is hydrogen or methyl,

m is an integer from 0 to 10,

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n is 1 or 2,

o is 0 or 1,

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p is 1 or 2,

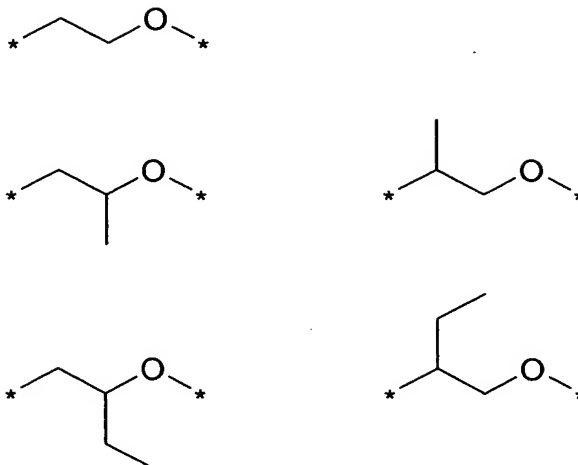
q is an integer from 2 to 100,

the sum total of n , o and p is 3, and

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A represents identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of

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where * identifies the positions of attachment.

- 5 2. (Meth)acrylic esters of unsaturated amino alcohols of the general formula I as per claim 1, where

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are each hydrogen,

10 R^6 is C_1 to C_3 alkyl, of which C_3 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

R^7 is hydrogen or methyl,

15 m is 0 or 1,

n is 1 or 2,

o is 0 or 1,

20 p is 1 or 2,

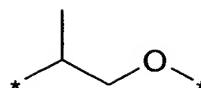
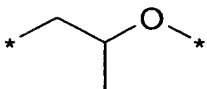
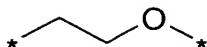
q is an integer from 3 to 40,

the sum total of n , o and p is 3 and

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A represents identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of

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where * identifies the positions of attachment.

- 5 3. (Meth)acrylic esters of unsaturated amino alcohols of the general formula I as per claim 1, where

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 are each hydrogen,

10 R^7 is hydrogen or methyl,

m is 1,

n is 1 or 2,

15 o is 0,

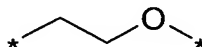
p is 1 or 2,

20 q is an integer from 5 to 20,

the sum of total of n, o and p is 3, and

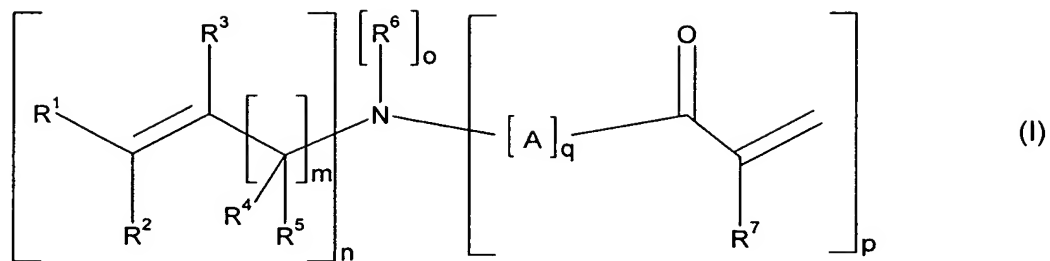
A is

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where * identifies the positions of attachment.

- 30 4. A process for preparing the (meth)acrylic esters of unsaturated amino alcohols as claimed in claim 1 to 3, which comprises unsaturated amino alcohols being transesterified with lower (meth)acrylic esters in the presence of a catalyst, the released lower alcohol being distilled off during the reaction, if appropriate as an azeotrope, and the unconverted lower (meth)acrylic ester being distilled off after
- 35 the reaction has ended, optionally diluted with water and filtered.
5. Swellable hydrogel-forming polymer containing a copolymerized internal crosslinker of the general formula I



5 where

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are each independently hydrogen or C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

10 R^6 C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

R^7 is hydrogen or methyl,

m is an integer from 0 to 10,

15 n is 1 or 2,

o is 0 or 1,

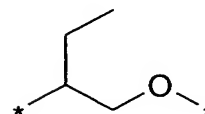
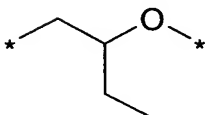
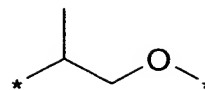
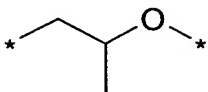
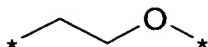
20 p is 1 or 2,

q is an integer from 1 to 100,

the sum total of n , o and p is 3, and

25 A represents identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of

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- 5 6. Swellable hydrogel-forming polymer containing a copolymerized internal crosslinker of the general formula I as claimed in claim 2.
7. Swellable hydrogel-forming polymer containing a copolymerized internal crosslinker of the general formula I as claimed in claim 3.
- 10 8. A process for preparing crosslinked swellable hydrogel-forming polymers as claimed in claim 5 to 7, which comprises polymerizing an aqueous mixture comprising a hydrophilic monomer, optionally at least one further monoethylenically unsaturated compound, at least one (meth)acrylic ester of unsaturated amino alcohols, at least one free-radical initiator and optionally also at least one grafting base, and optionally the reaction mixture obtained being post-crosslinked, dried and brought to the desired particle size.
- 15 9. The use of crosslinked swellable hydrogel-forming polymers as claimed in claim 5 to 7 for manufacturing a hygiene article.
- 20 10. A hygiene article comprising a crosslinked swellable hydrogel-forming polymer as claimed in claim 5 to 7.